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| Serial/Patent No. 08/898377 6,363,361 | Filing Date/Issue Date July 22, 1997 | Attorney Docket<br>684.001US1 | Title COMPUTERIZED PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE PAYMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM              |
| 09/240456                             | January 29, 1999                     | 684.002US1                    | IMPROVED COMPUTERIZED PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE PAYMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM           |
| 09/378865                             | August 23, 1999                      | 684.004US1                    | COMPUTERIZED PATENT AND TRADEMARK<br>FEE PAYMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM (AS<br>AMENDED) |
| 09/418969                             | October 14, 1999                     | 684.006US1                    | IMPROVED COMPUTERIZED PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE PAYMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM           |
| 09/480263                             | January 11, 2000                     | 684.007US1                    | IMPROVED COMPUTERIZED PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE PAYMENT METHOD AND SYSTEM           |
| 10/022153                             | December 14, 2001                    | 684.001US2                    | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PAYMENT OF OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS IN A LAW FIRM (AS AMENDED) |
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| 10/710483                             | July 14, 2004                        | 684.001US3                    | PROCESSING LAW FIRM OUT-OF-POCKET<br>COSTS USING A SEPARATE ACCOUNT                |

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| 10/710534 | July 19, 2004     | 684.001US4 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UP FRONT<br>BILLING OF INTEREST COSTS TO LAW FIRM<br>CLIENTS                     |
| 10/710556 | July 20, 2004     | 684.001US5 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SEPARATE<br>CHARGES TO A LAW FIRM FOR EACH OUT-<br>OF-POCKET COST                |
| 10/710533 | July 19, 2004     | 684.001US6 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MULTIPLE<br>CHARGE OPTIONS FOR BILLING OUT-OF-<br>POCKET COSTS                   |
| 11/057405 | February 11, 2005 | 684.001US7 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A LAW FIRM TO INCUR SEPARATE CHARGES IN RELATION TO HANDLING OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS |
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| 10/710532 | July 19, 2004     | 684.001U11 | SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MULTIPLE<br>CHARGE OPTIONS FOR BILLING OUT-OF-<br>POCKET COSTS                   |

Continuations and divisionals may be later filed on the cases listed above, or cited to the Examiner in any previous Communication Concerning Related Applications. Applicants request that the Examiner review all continuations and divisionals of the above-listed or previously-cited patent applications before allowing the claims of the present patent application.

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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 et. seq., the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant requests that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicant with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2), Applicant believes that copies of cited U.S. Patents and Published Applications are no longer required to be provided to the Office. Notification of this change was provided in the United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notices dated October 12, 2004. Thus, Applicant has not included copies of any US Patents or Published Applications cited with this submission. Should the Office require copies to be provided, Applicant respectfully requests that notice of such requirement be directed to Applicant's below-signed representative. Applicant acknowledges the requirement to submit copies of foreign patent documents and nonpatent literature in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2).

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